

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Confirmation No.: 6124
Gary Karlin Michelson, M.D.)	
Serial No.: 09/626,636)	Group Art Unit: 3731
Filed: July 27, 2000)	Examiner: Ryan J. Severson
For: A GUARD FOR USE IN)	
PERFORMING HUMAN)	
INTERBODY SPINAL SURGERY)	

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated January 20, 2011, the period for reply having been extended for one month by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.